

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SB 3142 - HB 3243**

March 25, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a juvenile sex offender to register with county sheriff's office until the juvenile reaches the age of 25 or is required to register as an adult sexual offender. Failure to register after the age of 18 is a Class A misdemeanor.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – \$27,000 \***

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) there were 405 complaints against juvenile adjudicated delinquent for sex offenses in 2004. The AOC report notes that data for Shelby and Davidson counties are underreported. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Crime Reports for 2004 included 231 arrests of offenders under the age of 18. The Office of the Comptroller estimates that 400 offenders in the first year will require registration at a cost of \$30 each ( $\$30 \times 400 = \$12,000$ ) and an average of 500 offenders in subsequent years ( $\$30 \times 500 = \$15,000$ ).
- The AOC will not require additional resources to develop the registration form. According to the Office of the Comptroller, the several of the county sheriff's offices already register adult sex offenders so there would not be a significant increase in expenditures to set up and maintain a registry for juvenile sex offenders.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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